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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire Chief Clerk & Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Application of Carolina Water Service, Incorporated for Approval of an Increase in Its Rates for Water and Sewer Services

Docket No. 2017-292-WS

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has filed direct and surrebuttal testimonies in the above-referenced docket. Today, Steven W. Hamm, one of the witnesses for whom ORS prefiled testimony, advised ORS that his firm believes there is a conflict with him testifying in this case. Accordingly, ORS hereby notifies the Commission that ORS withdraws the direct and surrebuttal testimonies filed for Mr. Hamm. Further, ORS notifies the Commission that Mr. Hamm will not be called as a witness is this case.

As ORS will not be presenting Mr. Hamm as a witness, ORS is prepared to present its full case at the hearing scheduled for September 6, 2018.

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Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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All Parties of Record (via E-mail and U.S. Mail)